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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1996

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Ms. GREENE of Utah].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 29, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable ENID GREENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

When we think on Your name, O God, or meditate on Your providence, we recall all the wonderful gifts of life that we have received from Your hand. For the gifts of forgiveness and grace, for justice and mercy, for hope and faith, for healing and helping, and for all Your wonders we give our thanks-giving. Yet, above all else and soaring over all Your creation, we recognize Your gift of love, a love that passes all human understanding and a love that transcends all our customs and edicts. For this gift of eternal love that makes each day alive with new possibilities, we offer these words of gratitude and praise. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stand as approved.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 28, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, May 24, 1996 at 2:00 p.m.: that the Senate passed with amendment H. Con. Res. 178 and requested conference.

With warm regards,
ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives.

DEFINITION OF A TOBACCO SUCKER

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Madam Speaker, recently a politician in North Carolina asked if I could describe a tobacco sucker. The answer is a tobacco sucker is one who believes that David Kessler of the FDA, the gentleman from California, HENRY WAXMAN, and Bill Clinton are friends of tobacco. That is a tobacco sucker.

Madam Speaker, caught in the middle of the assault on tobacco by the Clinton administration are thousands of small hardworking tobacco farmers

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